

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 24 remain pending. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Interpretation of the Term “Space”

The term space in claim 1 and 14 can be interpreted as physical space (e.g., in a building), logical space (e.g., in a server) or virtual space (e.g., a business address in a physical location without an actual physical presence – see paragraph 29 of the specification). However, claim 13 specifies that the space includes physical space in a property. Claim 8 includes both physical space and virtual space. Claim 20 refers to logical space (i.e., intranet portal), such as on a web server. Claim 8 is being amended to clarify that the space can include both physical and virtual space.

Introduction of Tenants to Each Other

Tenants can be introduced to each other via schedules parties and during exercise at a club house (among other methods). See paragraph 34 of the specification. Introductions can also be done via any of the services mentioned in the first wave 310 – third wave 330. See paragraph 49 and paragraphs 27 – 43. If tenants are tenants of a virtual space, they can be introduced via instant networking (see paragraph 27), email or websites (see paragraph 27 re broadband access and Internet communication), a common telecommunications connection (see paragraph 31), video conferencing (see paragraph 36), etc.

Suntec City

Suntec City is a physical space in Singapore and began introducing tenants to each other in 1999. Suntec City did not have an intranet available to its tenants. Since 2001 Suntec City provided wireless broadband to users other than tenants.

Interpretation of Limitations and Support for Same

The tenant is provided space in either physical and/or logical space. Claim 1 does not limit it to either. As such, claim 1 should be interpreted as providing physical and/or logical space. Dependent claims limit space to physical space (e.g., claim 13). One of ordinary skill in

the art can introduce tenants to each other as discussed above. Support is shown throughout the specification for these limitations as discussed above.

In conclusion, Applicant submits that all claims are patentable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance be issued. If the Examiner has any questions or needs any additional information, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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